concerns and this sum of Rs. 15 lakhs which has come to the Government has gone to the exchequer of the Travancore State. It was not considered necessary to tax it.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the member why this share of Sir Chinubhai Madhowlal Ranchhodlal in the profit was not taxed?

PRESIDENT: He recieved his half share.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know why it was not taxed?

PRESIDENT: Because local people were not able to take this business properly. The expectation of the Government has been justified by the result. A business which was not running at all made a profit, and that is why you must get a first rate man and pay him what he deserves.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether the factory has increased the wages in recent times?

PRESIDENT: A strike has started today. I dare say this question has something with reference to it. The leader of the labourers, Mr. Srikantan Nair, went to Bombay. I have already referred to his travel. He saw Sir Chinubhai Madhowlal and the latter has promised to consider the matter. In the meantime the workers engineered a strike. Sir Chinubhai Madhowlal has telephoned that he arrived yesterday, and today negotiations are starting for the purpose of dealing with the wages in the Rubber Factory.

MR. K. M. PAUL (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): It has been stated that the company was making a profit between Rs. 7 and 12 lakhs in recent years, but it is given here that in 1120 the profit was only Rs. 1,66,256-15-6. May I know the reasons for this?

PRESIDENT: Because before the war we were having war orders. The war has now ended.

The Export of cashew kernel.

380. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the representatives of Cashew Factory owners recently waited on the Dewan in deputation to represent their grievances on account of the restriction imposed by the Government of India on the export of cashew kernel from Travancore; and

(*b*) the result of such deputation and the action taken on it?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Mr. V. S. Arumughom Pillai was deputed by Government to New Delhi to represent the case of the cashew nut industry before the Government of India. As the result of the representation, the Government of India have removed the restriction on the export of cashew nuts.

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